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In re: Application of: Benkovic S. J., et al.

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Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2005. This response is being filed with a petition for a one month retroactive of time and the required fee. Although, Applicants believe that no further extensions of time are required with submission of this paper, Applicants request that this submission also be considered as a petition for any further extensions of time if necessary. The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the amount due for any retroactive extensions of time and any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees paid on the filing or during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Amendments to the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

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